

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church Digital Bulletin

Join us at 8:15 a.m. on March 21st for the Sunday of Orthodoxy

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We encourage you to send in prayer requests online. We humbly ask that you continue lighting candles and tray donations as you normally would when coming to Church. If you would like the Church to light a candle for you for this service so that Fr. Dimitri can read the names of your loved ones at the Holy Altar, please click on the image below:



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Sunday, March 21, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ Sunday of Orthodoxy
- ◇ James the Confessor
- ◇ Thomas I, Patriarch of Constantinople
- ◇ Philemon and Domninos

Peter, when after so many miracles and such high doctrine he confessed that, "Thou art the Son of God" (Matt. xvi. 16), is called "blessed," as having received the revelation from the Father;

... while Nathanael, though he said the very same thing before seeing or hearing either miracles or doctrine, had no such word addressed to him, but as though he had not said so much as he ought to have said, is brought to things greater still.

St. John Chrysostom

Homily 21 on John 1, 1. B#58, pp. 72, 73, 4th Century

Narthex Duty:	Venus Campanelli
Welcoming Ministry:	NA during Covid
Orthros Reader:	NA during Covid
Memorial:	

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Communion Guidelines:

As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.



Sunday of Orthodoxy

For more than one hundred years the Church of Christ was troubled by the persecution of the Iconoclasts of evil belief, beginning in the reign of Leo the Isaurian (717-741) and ending in the reign of Theophilus (829-842). After Theophilus's death, his widow the Empress Theodora (celebrated Feb. 11), together with the Patriarch Methodius (June 14), established Orthodoxy anew. This ever-memorable Queen venerated the icon of the Mother of God in the presence of the Patriarch Methodius and the other confessors and righteous men, and openly cried out these holy words: "If anyone does not offer relative worship to the holy icons, not adoring them as though they were gods, but venerating them out of love as images of the archetype, let him be anathema." Then with common prayer and fasting during the whole first week of the Forty-day Fast, she asked God's forgiveness for her husband. After this, on the first Sunday of the Fast, she and her son, Michael the Emperor, made a procession with all the clergy and people and restored the holy icons, and again adorned the Church of Christ with them. This is the holy deed that all we the Orthodox commemorate today, and we call this radiant and venerable day the Sunday of Orthodoxy, that is, the triumph of true doctrine over heresy.



Do you work in the city of Chicago?
Would you like to attend Weekday Liturgies but cannot because of Work? Join us at St. Basil.
6:30 AM

March

Fridays During Great Lent: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

Patronal Feasts for the Chicago parishes will not be celebrated at St. Basil
Please check the [St. Basil website calendar](#) for updates to above schedule Liturgies are
Livestreamed on the [St. Basil Facebook Page](#)

Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

Resurrectional Apolytikion

Plagal of the 4th Tone

You descended from on high, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσης τῶν παθῶν, Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Apolytikion for Sun. of Orthodoxy

2nd Tone

We worship Thine immaculate icon, O Good One, asking the forgiveness of our failings, O Christ our God; for of Thine own will Thou wast well-pleased to ascend the Cross in the flesh, that Thou mightest deliver from slavery to the enemy those whom Thou hadst fashioned. Wherefore, we cry to Thee thankfully: Thou didst fill all things with joy, O our Saviour, when Thou camest to save the world.

Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος β'

Τὴν ἄχραντον Εἰκόνα σου προσκυνοῦμεν Ἀγαθέ, αἰτούμενοι συγχώρησιν τῶν πταισμάτων ἡμῶν, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· βουλήσει γὰρ ἡὐδόκησας σαρκὶ ἀνελθεῖν ἐν τῷ Σταυρῷ, ἵνα ῥύσῃ οὓς ἐπλασας ἐκ τῆς δουλείας τοῦ ἐχθροῦ· ὅθεν εὐχαρίστως βοῶμέν σοι· Χαρᾶς ἐπλήρωσας τὰ πάντα, ὁ Σωτὴρ ἡμῶν, παραγενόμενος εἰς τὸ σῶσαι τὸν Κόσμον.

Apolytikion for the Church

1st Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἦθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἰκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Kontakion

Plagal of the 2nd Tone

- O Champion General, I your City now inscribe to you
- Triumphant anthems as the tokens of my gratitude,
- Being rescued from the terrors, O Theotokos.
- Inasmuch as you have power unassailable,
- From all kinds of perils free me, so that unto you
- I may cry aloud: Rejoice, O unwedded Bride.

Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

- Τὴ ὑπερμάχῳ στρατηγῷ τὰ νικητήρια,
- ὡς λυτρωθεῖσα τῶν δεινῶν εὐχαριστήρια,
- ἀναγράφω σοὶ ἡ Πόλις σου Θεοτόκε,
- Ἀλλ' ὡς ἔχουσα τὸ κράτος ἀπροσμάχητον,
- ἐκ παντοίων μὲ κινδύνων ἐλευθέρωσον, ἦ
- να κράζω σοί, Χαῖρε νύμφη ἀνύμφευτε.



Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-40

Πρὸς Ἑβραίους 11:24-26, 32-40 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Brethren, by faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets -- who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign enemies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated -- of whom the world was not worthy -- wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Ἀδελφοί, πίστει Μωϋσῆς μέγας γενόμενος ἡρνήσατο λέγεσθαι υἱὸς θυγατρὸς Φαραώ, μᾶλλον ἐλόμενος συγκακουχεῖσθαι τῷ λαῷ τοῦ θεοῦ ἢ πρόσκαιρον ἔχειν ἀμαρτίας ἀπόλαυσιν· μείζονα πλοῦτον ἡγησάμενος τῶν Αἰγύπτου θησαυρῶν τὸν ὀνειδισμόν τοῦ Χριστοῦ· ἀπέβλεπεν γὰρ εἰς τὴν μισθαποδοσίαν. Καὶ τί ἔτι λέγω; Ἐπιλείπει γὰρ με διηγούμενον ὁ χρόνος περὶ Γεδεών, Βαράκ τε καὶ Σαμψών καὶ Ἰεφθάε, Δαυίδ τε καὶ Σαμουὴλ καὶ τῶν προφητῶν· οἱ διὰ πίστεως κατηγωνίσαντο βασιλείας, εἰργάσαντο δικαιοσύνην, ἐπέτυχον ἐπαγγελιῶν, ἔφραξαν στόματα λεόντων, ἔσβεσαν δύναμιν πυρός, ἔφυγον στόματα μαχαίρας, ἐνεδυναμώθησαν ἀπὸ ἀσθενείας, ἐγενήθησαν ἰσχυροὶ ἐν πολέμῳ, παρεμβολὰς ἐκλιναν ἀλλοτρίων. Ἔλαβον γυναῖκες ἐξ ἀναστάσεως τοὺς νεκροὺς αὐτῶν· ἄλλοι δὲ ἐτυμπανίσθησαν, οὐ προσδεξάμενοι τὴν ἀπολύτρωσιν, ἵνα κρείττονος ἀναστάσεως τύχωσιν· ἕτεροι δὲ ἐμπαιγμῶν καὶ μαστίγων πεῖραν ἔλαβον, ἔτι δὲ δεσμῶν καὶ φυλακῆς· ἐλιθάσθησαν, ἐπρίσθησαν, ἐπειράσθησαν, ἐν φόνῳ μαχαίρας ἀπέθανον· περιῆλθον ἐν μηλωταῖς, ἐν αἰγείοις δέρμασιν, ὑστερούμενοι, θλιβόμενοι, κακουχούμενοι - ὧν οὐκ ἦν ἄξιος ὁ κόσμος - ἐν ἐρημίαις πλανώμενοι καὶ ὄρεσιν καὶ σπηλαίοις καὶ ταῖς ὁπαῖς τῆς γῆς. Καὶ οὗτοι πάντες, μαρτυρηθέντες διὰ τῆς πίστεως, οὐκ ἐκομίσαντο τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν, τοῦ θεοῦ περὶ ἡμῶν κρείττον τι προβλεψαμένου, ἵνα μὴ χωρὶς ἡμῶν τελειωθῶσιν.



ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

**Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 1:44-52
Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα**

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠθέλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐξελθεῖν εἰς τὴν Γαλιλαίαν· καὶ εὐρίσκει Φίλιππον καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀκολούθει μοι. ἦν δὲ ὁ Φίλιππος ἀπὸ Βηθσαϊδά, ἐκ τῆς πόλεως Ἀνδρέου καὶ Πέτρου. εὐρίσκει Φίλιππος τὸν Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ὃν ἔγραψε Μωϋσῆς ἐν τῷ νόμῳ καὶ οἱ προφῆται, εὐρήκαμεν, Ἰησοῦν τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Ἰωσήφ τὸν ἀπὸ Ναζαρέτ. καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· ἐκ Ναζαρέτ δύναται τι ἀγαθὸν εἶναι; λέγει αὐτῷ Φίλιππος· ἔρχου καὶ ἴδε. εἶδεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τὸν Ναθαναὴλ ἐρχόμενον πρὸς αὐτὸν καὶ λέγει περὶ αὐτοῦ· ἴδε ἀληθῶς Ἰσραηλῆτης, ἐν ᾧ δόλος οὐκ ἔστι. λέγει αὐτῷ Ναθαναὴλ· πόθεν με γινώσκεις; ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· πρὸ τοῦ σε Φίλιππον φωνῆσαι, ὄντα ὑπὸ τὴν συκῆν εἰδόν σε. ἀπεκρίθη Ναθαναὴλ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ῥαββί, σὺ εἶ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ, σὺ εἶ ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. ἀπεκρίθη Ἰησοῦς καὶ εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ὅτι εἶπόν σοι, εἰδόν σε ὑποκάτω τῆς συκῆς, πιστεύεις; μείζω τούτων ὄψει. καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ· ἀμὴν ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν, ἀπ' ἄρτι ὄψεσθε τὸν οὐρανὸν ἀνεωγμένον, καὶ τοὺς ἀγγέλους τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀναβαίνοντας καὶ καταβαίνοντας ἐπὶ τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ ἀνθρώπου.

**The Gospel According to
Matthew 25:31-46**

At that time, Jesus decided to go to Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael, and he said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

DONATIONS for GREAT LENT & PASCHAL SEASON 2021

GREAT LENT:

Flowers for Icon of the Panagia on Fridays

1st Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

2nd Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

3rd Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

4th Salutations/Χαιρετισμοί - *donated*

Akathist Hymn/Ακάθιστος Ύμνος - *donated*

- ♦ **Flowers for Stavroproskyniseos (3rd Sunday) - \$300**
- ♦ Bottles or Cases of Nama Wine
- ♦ Incense for Great Lent - *donated*
- ♦ **Flowers for Icon of Palm Sunday - \$50**
- ♦ **Palms & Daphne for Palm Sunday - \$650 (\$100 donated)**



HOLY WEEK:

- ♦ **Flowers for Icon of Nymphios - \$75**
- ♦ **Extra Virgin Olive Oil for Holy Unction**
- ♦ **Flour for Holy Unction**
- ♦ Seven Candles for Holy Unction—*donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Mystical Supper - *donated*
- ♦ Flowers for Icon of Crucifixion - *donated*
- ♦ **Candles for the Holy Cross – \$50**
- ♦ **12 Candles for the Twelve Holy Gospels - \$80**
- ♦ Stefani-Stavromenon (Flowered Wreath) Holy Thursday - *donated*
- ♦ **White Sheet for Body of Christ - 1 queen flat needed**
- ♦ Flowers for Decorating the Epitafios - *donated*
- ♦ Epitafios Roses for the Faithful - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Water & Rose Petals Holy Friday - *donated*
- ♦ Rose Petals for Holy Saturday Morning - *donated*
- ♦ **Clergy Resurrection/Anastasi Candle – \$250**
- ♦ **Flowers for Icons of the Resurrection - \$75 each (2 needed)**

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA (5.02.21):

- ♦ **Paschal Easter Lilies for Anastasi – \$25 each (20 needed)**
- ♦ **Eggs for Holy Pascha - \$300**
- ♦ **Tulle & Ribbon for Paschal Eggs - \$100**

Note: Please specify exact item with your donation. THANK YOU for your love & support! Βοήθειά σας!

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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2021

Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

2nd Sunday of Lent
MARCH 28th



ST GREGORY PALAMAS
Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today!
Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

3rd Sunday of Lent
APRIL 4th



VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
HALF WAY TO PASCHA!
Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl!

4th Sunday of Lent
APRIL 11th



ST JOHN of the LADDER
Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

5th Sunday of Lent
APRIL 18th



ST MARY of EGYPT
Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14
Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY!
APRIL 25th
GREAT WEEK BEGINS



GREAT AND HOLY WEEK
ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel: John 12:1-18

Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY
APRIL 30th



GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY
JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS
CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!
MAY 2nd
NO FASTING!



BRIGHT WEEK
HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)
Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Triumph of Orthodoxy Pan-Orthodox Vespers

Sponsored by the Orthodox Christian Clergy Association of Greater Chicago

Sunday March 21st 6:30 PM

Saint Maralambos Greek Orthodox Church
7373 N Caldwell Ave., Niles, IL 60714

Honorable:
His Eminence Metropolitan Nicolae
The Romanian Orthodox Metropolis of the Americas

Attend in-person: please call (847) 647-8880
Join from home: [SHORTURL.AT/ILAVI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHORTURL.AT/ILAVI)

"masks must be worn"



Lenten Services



GREAT COMPLINE

Mondays: 6:00 p.m.

March 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12



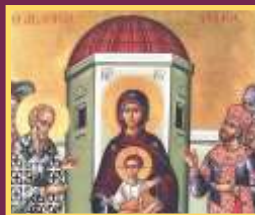
LITURGY OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.

March 17, 31 & April 7, 14

Fridays 6:30 a.m.

March 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16



SALUTATIONS TO THEOTOKOS

THE (THE AKATHIST HYMN)

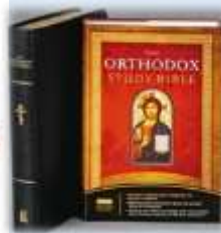
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ONLINE BIBLE STUDY



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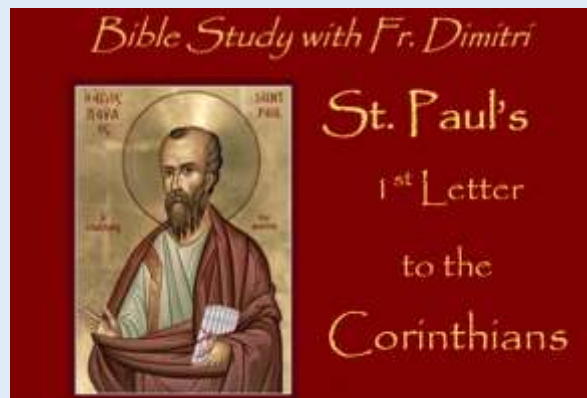


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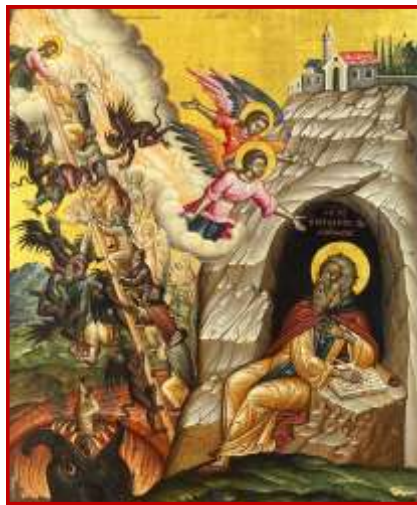
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St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church



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Adult Religious Education

The Ladder of Divine Ascent

Acquire the Heavenly Virtues and love God more fully

November 11 - April 14

Join us online each week

Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Zoom Classroom

<https://zoom.us/j/97901297537>

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Please join our
**Philoptochos
Blood Drive**



June 27, 2021 • St. George Greek Orthodox Church



Blood Donors Are Needed!

Annunciation Cathedral Philoptochos Society

is collaborating with

Saint George of Chicago Philoptochos Society

to host a Blood Drive at **St. George**.

Each donation helps save 3 people in medical necessity.

Vitalant Blood Bank requires 40 donors prior to scheduling this event. It is imperative that we meet the minimum required number of donors to make this event happen.

Please contact Dorothy Theodosis at 773-961-5732 or email her at dot64@rcn.com.



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SIGN UP GENIUS

Please click on the Link
[https://www.signupgenius.com/
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To Sign Up to attend Divine Services
Reserve Your Spot Today!

If a family member is unable to use Signup Genius, please call the Church Office and Vicky will help sign that individual up.

Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

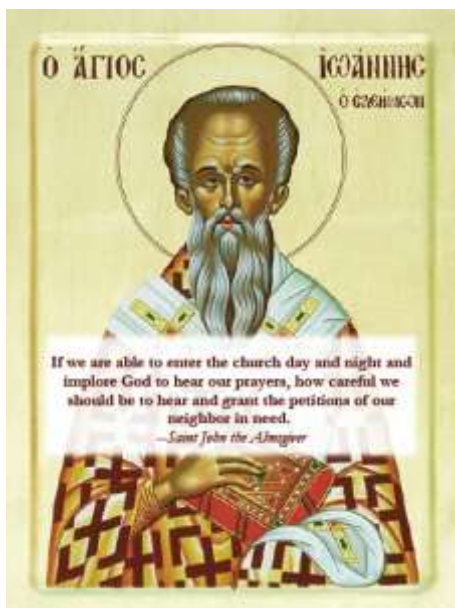
- **Sunday, March 21, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of Orthodoxy**
- Monday, March 22, 6:00pm - Great Compline - Clean Monday
- Tuesday, March 23, 10:00am - Bible Study
- Wednesday, March 24, 5:30pm - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
- Wednesday, March 24, 6:30pm - Online Adult Religious Education Class
- Thursday, March 25, 6:30am - Early Morning Liturgy for The Annunciation
- Thursday, March 25, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy of the Annunciation
(at the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church)
- Friday, March 26, 6:30am - Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
- Friday, March 26, 6:00pm - Salutations to Theotokos
- Saturday March 27, 8:30am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Second Saturday of Lent
- **Sunday, March 28, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas**
- Monday, March 29, 6:00pm - Great Compline - Clean Monday
- Tuesday, March 30, 10:00am - Bible Study

Parish News and Events

St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

Our ministry continues to pack and distribute [Almsgiver care packs](#), blankets, and coats to our neighbors in need. If you're able, there are two easy ways to contribute:

1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.
2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.



We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter stbasilchicago@comcast.net into your email contacts list. Thanks!

Books for Prisoners - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

IMPORTANT: Our parish's COVID-19 committee requires all donations be only new items in unopened packages. Also, no other types of clothing will be accepted at this time. Please use the donation box on the table at the Ashland and Polk entrance. Don't take them into Philoptochos Hall or upstairs.

St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 First Day of Women's History Month Parish Council 7:00 pm	2 Bible Study 10:00 am	3 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	4	5 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	6 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Saturday of Souls
7 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Judgement Sunday (Meatfare Sunday)	8	9 7:00 pm Philoptochos ZOOM Meeting Philoptochos Mtg 7:00 pm	10 5:30 pm Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	11	12 Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	13 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Cheese-fare Saturday
14 8:15 am Daylight Saving Time starts Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Forgiveness Sunday	15 6:00 pm Great Compline - Clean Monday	16 10:00 am Bible Study	17 5:30 pm St. Patrick's Day Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm	18	19 6:30 am Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Early Morning Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts 6:00 pm Salutations to Theotokos	20 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for First Saturday of Lent: The Commemoration of the Miracle of Kollyva wrought by St. Theodore the Tyro
21 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday Of Orthodoxy	22 6:00 pm Great Compline	23 10:00 am Bible Study	24 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm Great Vespers of the Annunciation 7:00 pm	25 6:30 am Early Morning Liturgy for The Annunciation 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy of the Annunciation (Chicago)	26 6:00 pm Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Salutations to Theotokos	27 8:30 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy Second Saturday of Lent
28 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas	29 6:00 pm Great Compline	30 10:00 am Bible Study	31 5:30 pm Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts Online A.R.E. Class 6:30 pm			

Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment



For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:

Please donate food for the needy.

I was a stranger, and you took me in:

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

Naked, and you clothed me:

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

I was sick, and you visited me:

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: Nicholas, Anthony, Aphrodite

I was in prison, and you came unto me:

Please pray for: Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie

Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.

VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.



ORTHODOX OBSERVER

If You are not receiving the Observer, please contact the Church Office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

St. Basil Stewardship Facts: State of the Parish

Operational Expenses
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Stewards Pledged at St. Basil
106 of goal of 190

Dollar Amount Pledged
\$170,809.00

Dollar Amount Collected
\$69,478.00

Average Pledge
\$1611.41

Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Percent of Stewards engaged in a Ministry of St. Basil
72 out of 106 (67.92%)



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.



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To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device